IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0017], beginning on Page 3 to read as follows:

--Component 16 may utilize any suitable procedure and is provided with suitable means to read data from a file. For example, component 16 may be designed to read flat, or xml, files. Also, any suitable procedure may be employed by component 20 to verify the integrity of the read data. Numerous such procedures are known in the art and can be used in the practice of this invention.--

Please amend paragraph [0024], beginning on Page 5 to read as follows:

--More specifically, framework 10 maps fixed length fields in the input file to a java object type field. This framework reads the xml file. For a particular field, the framework determines the start position, the length, what database column the field maps to, which database tables the field maps to, whether the field can be updated or not, and what kind of formatter to be applied on this field. The framework calls the java class as defined within the <formatter> </formatter> tags. This java class implements the formatter interface, defined [[as;-]] as:- package com.ibm.kestrel bridges. Figure 4 shows an example of a formatter interface code.--